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To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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From: David Sanders, Ph.D. 
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FOR AUGUST 16, 2005 ORAL REPORT re: JULY 26, 2005 BOARD AGENDA ITEMS # 22 AND # 23 - IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FAMILY SUPPORT AND FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAMS; AND PROGRESS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACTS

On July 26, 2005, your Board approved ninety-four (94) contracts with forty-five (45) community-based agencies for the provision of Family Support (FS), Family Preservation (FP) and Adoption Promotion and Support Services (APSS); and delegated authority to the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to execute the contracts. The Board further instructed the DCFS Director and the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- Identify ongoing funding sources for the further expansion of community-based Family Support (FS) and Family Preservation (FP) programs; and report back to the Board at the meeting of August 16, 2005; and
- Include agencies' progress implementing their contracts effective August 1, 2005, and if an agency is not in compliance with their contract provisions, what effect it would have on continued funding.

FUNDING SOURCES

DCFS and the CAO have identified additional funding that can be used to expand FS and FP contracted services; and DCFS has filed a Board Letter requesting the Board's approval on August 16, 2005 to enter into an additional twelve (12) FS and FP contracts with community providers. Therefore, I respectfully request that this written report be "received and filed" in lieu of an oral presentation on August 16, 2005; and I respectfully refer the Board to the above-noted Board Letter, which relates to this item.

PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FS AND FP CONTRACTS

To provide services to children and families in their own communities, DCFS has verified that every Board-approved agency includes an operational services site located within the Services Planning Area (SPA) or DCFS office boundary per the contract requirement. Additionally, DCFS has been working with agencies to ensure compliance with all contract execution requirements prior to the start of services.

On Friday, August 5, 2005, DCFS informed agencies in writing of the Thursday, August 11, 2005 deadline to comply with all contract execution requirements in order to avoid reallocation of funds. As of 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 9, 2005, of the 45 agencies awarded 94 contracts, ten (10) agencies had not provided all required documentation for the execution of twenty (20) contracts. Should agency non-compliance result in DCFS' inability to fully execute the remaining 20 contracts approved on July 26, 2005; and the 12 FS and FP contracts before your Board on August 16, 2005, I will provide your Board with recommendations for reallocation of funding no later than September 6, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call me at (213) 351-5600 or your staff may contact Helen Berberian, Board Relations Manager at (213) 351-5530.

C: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors